

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A member for guiding and supporting at least one elongated flexible member, said guiding and supporting member comprising first and second outer side faces; at least one aperture extending between said first and second outer side faces, said aperture being defined by an uninterrupted inner circumferential surface extending ~~between said faces~~ from said first outer side face to said second outer side face and forming a passageway for receiving the at least one elongated flexible member within the guiding and supporting member, said inner circumferential surface being formed integral with said outer side faces and being convexly curved in a direction of the center of the aperture; and at least one elongated foot extending along a first portion of an outer sidewall for orienting and positioning the member on a structure.

Claims 2-7. (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Original) The guiding and supporting member of claim 1 wherein the at least one aperture includes at least two apertures.

Claim 9. (Original) The guiding and supporting member of claim 8 wherein said at least two apertures include three apertures.

Claim 10. (Original) The guiding and supporting member of claim 8 wherein said at least two apertures include four apertures.

Claims 11-17. (Cancelled)

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) A guiding and supporting member for maintaining a flexible member at a predetermined minimum bend radius, said guiding and supporting member comprising an elongated body having first and second ends, the first end including a collar

comprising a first circumferential flange, a second circumferential flange and a seat extending between said flanges.

Claim 19. (Original) The guiding and supporting member of claim 18 wherein said flanges and seat are sized for cooperating with an opening in a wiring guide to prevent said guiding and supporting member from moving along the flexible member relative to the wiring guide.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) The guiding and supporting member of claim 18 further comprising a central passageway for receiving and supporting the elongated flexible member, said passageway including at least one inner surface for supporting the elongated flexible member when positioned within the sweep guiding and supporting member.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) The guiding and supporting member of claim 18 wherein said elongated body includes a predetermined curve for maintaining said sweep guiding and supporting member at a predetermined bend radius.

Claim 22. (Original) The guiding and supporting member of claim 18 wherein said elongated body is open at said first end and at a second end for receiving the elongated member, said second end including a second collar comprising first and second flanges and a seat extending between the first and second flanges of the second end.

Claim 23. (Original) The guiding and supporting member of claim 22 further comprising a third collar that is spaced from the first and second ends of said elongated body for providing an attachment position at a location spaced along said elongated body between said first and second ends.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) The guiding and supporting member of claim 18 wherein said elongated body comprises member ~~includes~~ a sweep having at least one roller positioned between said first and second ends.

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) The guiding and supporting member of claim 18 wherein said ~~member~~ elongated body includes a plurality of rollers spaced between said first and second ends ~~of the elongated body~~.

Claim 26. (Original) The guiding and supporting member of claim 18 comprising a cradle that includes a collar spaced from the first and second ends of said elongated body for providing a hanger attachment position at a location spaced along said elongated body between said first and second ends.

Claim 27. (Original) The guiding and supporting member of claim 18 wherein said elongated body is substantially straight such that the predetermined bend radius is about zero.

Claim 28. (Original) A sweep for being used with a guiding and supporting member to maintain a flexible member at a predetermined radius, said sweep comprising an elongated body including a passageway and first and second ends for being securely retained within an aperture of a respective guide, said first and second ends each including a collar having a first circumferential flange, a second circumferential flange and a seat extending between said flanges for removably receiving a portion of the respective guide.

Claim 29. (Original) The sweep of claim 28 wherein said elongated body includes a plurality of rollers spaced along its length.

Claim 30. (Original) The sweep of claim 28 further comprising a third collar spaced from the collars at said first and second ends.

Claims 31-33. Cancelled

Claim 34. (Original) A method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member along a portion of a building structure, said method comprising the steps of orienting and securing the guiding and supporting member of claim 1 at a location in the building structure;

introducing the elongated member into an aperture in the guiding and supporting member and pulling the elongated member through the guiding and supporting member and along a length of the building structure.

35. (Original) The method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member according to claim 34 further comprising the step of introducing the elongated member into the aperture of the guiding and supporting member by advancing the elongated member through an opening in the sidewall of the guiding and supporting member.

36. (Original) The method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member according to claim 34 further comprising the step of introducing the elongated member into the aperture of the guiding and supporting member by advancing the elongated member through an opening in a face of the guiding and supporting member.

37. (Original) The method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member according to claim 34 further including the step of maintaining the elongated member at a predetermined radius.

38. (Original) The method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member according to claim 37 wherein said maintaining step comprises the steps of positioning the elongated flexible member within a sweep and securing the sweep to the guiding and supporting member.

39. (Original) The method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member according to claim 38 wherein said step of securing a sweep includes advancing a first end of the sweep having a first outer flange into the aperture so that the first outer flange is positioned on a side of an inner circumferential surface of the aperture that is distal a second end of the sweep.

40. (Original) The method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member according to claim 37 further including a step of positioning the elongated flexible member in a sweep secured to the guiding and supporting member.

41. (Original) A method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member around a corner of a building structure, said method comprising the steps of orienting and securing the guiding and supporting member of claim 1 proximate a corner of the building structure; introducing the elongated member into an aperture in the guiding and supporting member and pulling the elongated member around the corner of the building structure.

42. (Original) The method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member according to claim 41 further including the steps of securing a sweep to said guiding and supporting member and moving said elongated flexible member relative to said sweep.

43. (Original) The method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member according to claim 42 wherein said sweep is secured to said guiding and supporting member after said flexible member is moved relative to the sweep.

44. (Original) The method for guiding and positioning an elongated flexible member according to claim 42 wherein said sweep is secured to said guiding and supporting member before said flexible member is moved relative to the sweep.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment updates the priority paragraph on page 1 of the specification. The Preliminary Amendment also corrects typographical errors in the originally filed specification and claims. The amendments to the claims do not limit or reduce the scope of the claims as they were merely made to correct typographical errors.